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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. WE LEARN FROM JOE NEUBERT THAT OSCAR CLYATT IS SEEKING A COUNCIL FOREIGN RELATIONS FELLOWSHIP (STATE A-3665) FOR 1978-79 TO WORK ON SOVIET AFFAIRS. IN OI TO LENINGRAD WE ARE WISHING HIM WELL AND ALSO ENCOURAGING HIM TO CONSIDER APPLYING FOR SOVIET AREA UNIVERSITY TRAINING IN THE EVENT HE DOESN'T GET THE FELLOWSHIP. WE UNDERSTAND HE DEFINITELY WANTS TO RECYCLE BACK, POSSIBLY VIA SOV, AND WE WOULD CONSIDER HIM A PRIME CANDIDATE. HOPE YOU CAN ENCOURAGE HIM.

2. RE INDIAN OCEAN, WE HAVE, SUCCESSFULLY WE THINK, OBJECTED TO DRAFT CABLE WHICH WOULD HAVE DROPPED MCNAMARA FROM THIRD ROUND DELEGATION (VIENNA, EARLY DECEMBER). INDICATIONS ARE THAT PURPOSE WAS TO MAKE SPACE FOR SOMEONE
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ELSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU FEEL STRONGLY, AS WE DO, THAT EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE DELEGATION, AND THAT TED CAN BE THERE.

3. THERE IS INTEREST HERE IN RAISING THE POUCH TAMPERING WITH TOLYA AT THE SAME LEVEL AS PREVIOUSLY. WOULD APPRE-CIATE YOUR VIEWS ON WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE IN COMBINATION

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WITH A PROTEST IN MOSCOW OR DONE ALONE ONE PLACE OR THE OTHER.

4. FOR BILL BROWN. MEL TALKED WITH RABBI SCHNEIER PER YOUR SUGGESTION. THE RABBI ASKED THAT IT BE SUGGESTED TO BILL THAT HE CALL SHCHERBAKOV AT THE COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS TO ASK INFORMALLY ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE MUKACHEVO CEMETERY. HE SAID HE LEFT IT TO THE EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER AN MFA INQUIRY WOULD DO ANY GOOD.

5. RE HEW USE OF TELEX LINK (MOSCOW 14358) WE ARE PROBABLY AS MUCH AT FAULT AS HEW IN THIS CASE. HEW WAS FALLING BEHIND IN PLANNING AND TO REPOND MORE QUICKLY TO SOVIET REQUESTS, SOV OFFICER SUGGESTED USE OF TELEX, AND TRAVELLER. IN ANY CASE WILKINSON RAISED MATTER WITH FISCHER WHO ASSERTED THAT ANY OVERSIGHTS WOULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY RECENT UNUSUAL PRESS OF BUSINESS (VISITING POLISH DELEGATION) AND UNDERTOOK TO PULL THREADS TOGETHER, IN-CLUCING DOCUMENTATION MENTIONED.

6. AL TRICK HAS ASKED US TO TELL YOU THAT HE HAS OBTAINED USDA'S APPROVAL TO POSTPONE THE AGRICULTURAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING BY ONE WEEK. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THE WORKING GROUPS WOULD MEET DECEMBER 6 - 9 AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 12 -13. HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CLEAR THIS WITH THE AMBASSADOR. HE OBTAINED SOVIET APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR THE SWITCH BEFORE LEAVING MOSCOW.

7. ON REPLACEMENT FOR GRIFFIN, WE ARE MULLING OVER ALTER-NATIVES IN MOSCOW 14680. OUR SECOND CONSIDERATION, AFTER SATISFYING THE JOB REQUIREMENT AT YOUR END, IS CADRE BUILD-ING. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMODATE HAMILTON, SINCE YOU ARE HIGH ON HIM, BUT WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO GROOM WEICZ. OUR IDEA OF SENDING WEICZ TO GARMISCH WAS TO GET HIS RUSSIAN UP HIGH. GARMISCH WAS WHAT WE HAD IN MIND FOR HIM WHEN WE FIRST PICKED HIM UP. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH HIM ON THE DESK CONFIRMS THAT HE IS AN EXCELLENT INVESTMENT. BUT IF YOU SEE GARMISCH AS SOMETHING TO BE AVOIDED, THEN THERE MAY BE A FLAW IN OUR THINKING. WE COULD CONSIDER WEICZ FOR THE USCO SLOT IN 78, IF YOU THINK THAT A BETTER USE OF HIM. BUT WE NEED TO BEAR IN MIND THAT THIS WOULD BE DRAWING DOWN ONE OF THE TWO OVERCOMPLEMENT TRAINEES WE HAVE FOR 78. MANDEL,,IS AN ALTERNATIVE-TO THAT, AND WE NEED TO CONSIDER THE EFFECT ON THE SUPPORT WE HAVE HERE FOR OVERCOMPLEMENT TRAINEES IF WE SHOULD APPEAR TO BE TOO QUICK TO BREAK THEM OUT OF PROJECTED TRAINING IN ORDER TO FILL VACANCIES. WE WILL BE TALKING TO MANDEL ON THE SPOUSE ASPECT AND REPORT BACK. CHRISTOPHER

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